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Clinton Maynard
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Dear Clinton,

In response to your interest and inquiries into what kinds of federal grants might be available to you, I offer some information about federal grants in general and EPA grants specifically. Information about the rules governing federal grants can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The specific citation is 40 CFR, Parts 30 - 47.

The CFR guides EPA in the implementation of environmental laws. It contains the rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The CFR is divided into 50 titles which represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation. Each title is divided into chapters which usually bear the name of the issuing agency. Each chapter is further divided into Parts covering specific regulatory areas. Title 40 -Protection of the Environment, Chapter I - Environmental Protection Agency, Parts 30-47 cover the rules governing Grants and other Federal Assistance. I have included a portion of the CFR with this letter. For the full text you may go to the following web site at your local library:
<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/lawreg.htm>.

As I previously mentioned, EPA does not make awards to individuals. This rule is documented in Part 30.2 (e). You may apply for grants on behalf of an organization or community group as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit group. This could be something that the Libby Community Advisory Group (CAG) or the Area Asbestos Research Group (AARG) may wish to pursue. In addition to federal grants, there are non-federal organizations that provide financial and technical assistance to non-profit organizations. I have included a Fact Sheet on Securing Tax Exempt Status for your information. I have also placed several IRS forms for applying for Employer ID and for Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status in EPA's Information Center in Libby.

I have enclosed a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance which contains available federal grants. The listing for each grant includes the grant name, a description of the grant, eligibility requirements, the application and award process, schedules, criteria for selecting proposals, examples of funded projects, related programs and a host of other information. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance can be found at the following web site:
<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/cfda/ideptaa.htm>. By choosing Environmental Protection Agency from the list, you will see a list of grants that are specific to EPA.



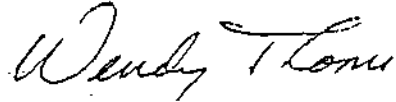
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EPA Region 8 has a web page on grants and financial assistance at:
http://epa.gov/region08/community_resources/grants/grants.html. This web site even has an interactive grant writing tutorial link.

For more information regarding EPA grant policies and procedures or the administration of grants, please use EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment's website:
<http://intranet.epa.gov/oini/jhkh/ogd.htm>. There is a wealth of information about EPA's grant processes on that page.

I hope you find this information helpful. It has been a learning process for me too. Additional questions can be directed to EPA's grants management office in Denver. The number there is 303-312-6507.

Sincerely,



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